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## MILES BOOM STARTED BY HEARST MAN

Democratic Delegate From Kansas Will Ask State Delegation to Support General for Presidency.

Enthusiast Is David Overmeier, Who Had Been Regarded as Champion of the Editor.

## TROUBLE IN THE DISTRICT

Democratic Convention at Washington Ends in Row and Rump Gathering Is Formed by Hearst Men.

Topeka, Kan., May 12.—David Overmeier, one of the delegates from Kansas to the democratic national convention, announced tonight that he would make an effort to have the Kansas delegation support General Miles for the democratic nomination for president. Overmeier has been looked upon as a Hearst man.

## TROUBLE IN THE DISTRICT.

Hearst Supporters Bolt and Organize Rump Convention.

Washington, May 12.—The democratic convention of the District of Columbia today elected delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. The delegates go uninstructed.

Almost at the beginning of the proceedings of the convention there was a split. The entire Hearst contingent, led by Harry W. Sherman, president of the Central Labor Union, thereupon bolted and a convention was held and six dele-

gates and alternates to the St. Louis convention were elected and instructed for Hearst.

## GRAY SUCCEEDS HANNA.

But New Head of Civic Federation Must Wait for a Time.

Philadelphia, May 12.—It has been learned that Judge George Gray has been chosen by the nominating committee of the National Civic Federation to succeed the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna as president of the federation. The election of Judge Gray is to be deferred until after the national democratic convention in St. Louis for fear it might seem the federation is aiding in making a possible presidential candidate conspicuous or important.

## PREACHER USES PISTOL.

Takes Shot at Another Minister and Is Held to Answer.

Texarkana, Tex., May 12.—Rev. J. B. Cranfill fired two shots from a magazine pistol at Rev. S. L. Hayden on a Texas & Pacific train coming into Texarkana today. Neither shot took effect. Both men were en route to the southern Baptist convention at Nashville.

Cranfill was arrested on his arrival here and arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to murder. He waived examination and was released on \$10,000.

The encounter today, it is alleged, grew out of past differences, legal and personal.

## Another Quiet Day.

Los Angeles, May 12.—Business moved very slowly at the Methodist conference today and the events of the day's sessions were dull and uninteresting. The entire morning hours were taken up with tiresome discussions of the report of the committee on rules of order. Immediately after recess Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop of Africa, read his report to the conference.

## MAIN FORCE OF JAPANESE IN SOUTHERN MANCHURIA WORRYING THE RUSSIANS

Position of Big Division Has Not Yet Been Disclosed on Laio Tung Peninsula or Elsewhere.

Believed Mikado's Men Are Seeking to Render Themselves Secure in Western Section of Peninsula Before Undertaking Operations Which Have Been Planned—Heavy Explosions Indicate That Fighting Is Now in Progress.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—(3:30 a. m.)—Further progress of the Japanese in southern Manchuria is reported in the following dispatch given out last night:

The position of the division, which is following the direct road to Hai Cheng, has not been disclosed, and caution is also apparent in the operations on the peninsula of Laio Tung, where 20,000 Japanese are seeking to render themselves secure in the western section of the peninsula and in the vicinity of and below Piteswo before inaugurating operations, which have been planned.

## HEAVY EXPLOSIONS HEARD.

Believed Fighting Is in Progress at Port Arthur or Dalny.

Seoul, May 12.—A junk that has arrived at Chemuplo brings report of heavy explosions heard at sea early this morning. It is believed here these explosions occurred either at Port Arthur or Dalny. An American who left Anju May 8 has arrived here and reports that a force of 2900 Russians recently spent the night at Unsan.

Reports of fighting were received

here today, but lack confirmation.

## READY FOR LONG SIEGE.

On April 20 Port Arthur Was in Shape to Stand Attack.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—It is evident from a private letter written by an artillery officer at Port Arthur, dated April 20, that General Stoessel was then daily expecting surprise at the fact that the enemy had delayed so long.

He said the fortress was practically impregnable, adding that there was a triple row of forts around the Port Arthur glacis (the outer slope of the fortification), each position being fronted by a moat with a hedge of barbed wires beyond, with bomb proofs behind all the batteries. The officer further declared they had plenty of supplies and ammunition.

## ENORMOUS LOAN PLANNED.

Russia to Raise 300,000,000 Rubles to Cover War Expenses.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—The Russian government today made the announcement that an external loan of 300,000,000 roubles will be floated to defray the war expenses. The floatation is entrusted to Paris banks, the loan bears 5 per cent and matures in 1909.

## Mail Route to Be Changed.

Washington, May 12.—Apparently to avoid risk of Russian mail falling into the enemy's hands, the Russian government has requested the United States to change the route of all mails sent from or through this country for Manchuria or Siberia.

## Communication Suspended.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—(6:35 a. m.)—An attempt to send a response to a private telegram from Port Arthur, received yesterday, failed, the postoffice officials refusing to accept it.

## MOVEMENTS OF JAPANESE.

One Force of 100,000 Men Reported Near Siu Yeng.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—General Karkevitch, in a dispatch to the general staff, says that on May 8 part of the Japanese vanguard appeared in the valley of Sedzo river, and that a considerable body of the enemy continues to occupy Douanmyo. A battalion of infantry and half a squadron of cavalry are situated about five miles north of Takushan.

Other information indicates that on May 10 a Japanese force of 100,000 infantry and 50 guns halted for a day at Hungkipueze and advanced May 11 toward Siu Yeng. May 11 some 60 Japanese transports and warships appeared at sea between Piteswo and Cape Terminal.

The Japanese on May 5 sent two regiments toward Tantsiafing and also two detachments south and

west to points of disembarkation.

Japanese scouts appeared May 6 at Polandien, leaving the next day.

Troops sent to reconnoiter announced that the Japanese were landing at Cape Siao Kahuseitas in Kin Chau bay, near the mouth of the Teheng Yu river, and were posting a division of 10,000 men in the neighboring villages. The Russian population was withdrawn from Piteswo.

According to Chinese information 20,000 Japanese landed east of Piteswo, with field artillery and siege guns and Piteswo was occupied by 1500 men.

May 8 the Japanese left the railway line, and communication with Port Arthur was re-established by Colonel Spinidonoff.

Detachments of the Japanese advance guard advanced on May 9 and 10 on the villages of Mutsiatun and Siatiatin, nine miles south of Polandien. Other detachments of the Japanese advance guard have taken up positions seven and a half miles west of Piteswo.

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## BASEBALL SCORES.

### Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Tacoma 9, Portland 7 (10 innings).

At San Francisco—Los Angeles 1, Oakland 5.

At Seattle—San Francisco 13, Seattle 3.

### Pacific National.

At Salt Lake—Spokane 4, Salt Lake 3.

At Boise—Butte 9, Boise 3.

### American.

At Philadelphia—Chicago 3, Philadelphia 9.

At Washington—St. Louis 8, Washington 7.

At Boston—Detroit 1, Boston 8.

At New York—Cleveland 7, New York 0.

### National.

At Chicago—Philadelphia 0, Chicago 4.

At Cincinnati—New York 7, Cincinnati 13.

At St. Louis—Boston 1, St. Louis 2.

At Pittsburgh—Brooklyn 0, Pittsburgh 6.

## GREAT FIRE RESULTS IN HEAVY LOSS

Portland Mills Burned to Ground Early This Morning. Efforts of Firemen Proving of Little Benefit.

Loss Entailed to Owners of Plants Burned Will Exceed Quarter of Million Dollars.

## STARTED IN THE DAY MILL

Powers' Planing Mill, Multnomah Trunk and Box Factory and Jones' Mill Also Destroyed.

Portland, May 13.—An explosion of sawdust in the furnace of the Day Lumber Company's mill started a fire just before midnight which destroyed that mill and also those of the Multnomah Trunk & Box Factory and the Ira F. Powers Manufacturing Company. The loss will probably exceed \$250,000. The three mills were located in a cluster on the river front at the extreme southern end of the city.

The night watchman was the only person about the mill at the time and was so scorched by the flames attending the explosion that it was only with difficulty he was able to turn in a fire alarm.

Owing to this delay and the distance from the nearest fire apparatus, the Day mill was almost destroyed before the department arrived on the scene. From the Day mill the flames jumped to the Powers mill and trunk factory, and despite the efforts of the firemen, these mills were also rapidly enveloped in flames.

Although the fire department fought the fire with desperation, the highly inflammable character

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## Summer Clothes

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